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- 1. The recent trip to Buenos Aires of Dr. Stanislaw Gal, Chief of the Polish commercial mission to Argentine, was occasioned by difficulties which have arisen over the Argentine-Polish trade agreement for the purchase of Polish coal. The political and financial situation in Argentina following the resignation of Miguel Miranda and the fact that the agreement signed by Miranda and Dr. Gal was unfavorable to Argentina resulted in the failure of IAPI to sign a contract for the purchase of Polish coal. Consequently Dr. Gal, who was in Brazil, had to go back to Buenos Aires to re-arrange the deal and is now in hopes that the contract will be signed.
- 2. Wicenty Bartosiak, a member of the Polish commercial mission who accompanied Dr. Gal on his return trip to Buenos Aires, remained in that city.
- 3. As previously reported, on the basis of initial conversations with Uruguayan officials, Dr. Gal submitted am aide memoire to the Uruguayan government, proposing a three-year Polish-Bruguayan trade agreement. It has now been reported that the trade agreement calls for the exchange of approximately \$18,000,000 worth of goods, as follows: In 1949, approximately \$5,000,000 worth of Polish textiles, cement, coal, glass, porcelain, lumber, and manufactured articles in exchange for Uruguayan hides, wool, and fats; and in 1950 and 1951, an exchange of the same goods in the amounts of \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 respectively.
- 4. Uruguayan officials are reported to be preparing a counter-proposal to submit to Dr. Gal when he returns to Uruguay.

5. Dr. Gal has now returned to Brazil to resume negotiations for a trade agreement between Poland and Brazil. He intends to rejurn to Uruguay and Argentina

at a later date.

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